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TO : Mr. Bishop DATE: 7/17/68

: M. A. Jones FROM SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving James Earl Ray, the alleged killer of Martin Luther King.

Attached for approval is a proposed press release concerning Ray's return to the United States from Britain. It is noted that in the second paragraph blank spaces appear. The exact time of Ray's release by British authorities to FBI Agents will be inserted in these spaces as soon as it is known.

If approved, this release will be issued in Washington, D. C., and Memphis, Tennessee, at the time Ray is turned over to Shelby County, Tennessee, officials.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the attached proposed press release be approved.

(2) The Director is respectfully requested to sign the . attached, undated letter of transmittal to Mr. Sessions in the Department. The date will be inserted prior to transmittal. (3) That the attached material be expeditiously returned to your (Mr. Bishop's) office for further processing. Enclosures (2) 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (2) 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (2) 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (2) 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosures (2)

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